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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

MICHIGAN HOUSE AND SENATE

Due to the legislative recess leading up to the November election, the state Senate and House Education committees did not meet in October. The two houses have session scheduled for November 8 and the last week of November. Committee hearings are anticipated to resume in November during the Thanksgiving legislative break, but none yet appear on the committee calendars.

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Continuing Resolution (House Joint Resolution 117)

As presented in last month's Legislative Report, Congress passed and the President signed (9/28/12) a six-month continuing resolution (CR) that will fund the federal government through the end of March 2013. House Joint Resolution 117 maintains funding levels at fiscal year 2012 levels and provides a small across-the-board increase and secures funding for the next six months – without the risk of a government shutdown. This allows Members of Congress to focus on other fiscal issues like sequestration and the expiring tax cuts.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other legislative issues, please contact me at (517) 241-4395.

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